

## List to Baseball Warbles

**Teams Hard at Work In Preliminary Practice. Indoor Work In College "Gym" an Important Feature—Gossip of the Game.**

Any man that takes the trouble to put an ear to the ground will readily distinguish the sound of baseball's footsteps. The season is almost here, and in the words of the poet, the heart of the nation rejoiceth.

Practically all the major league teams are in training camps in the south, oiling rusty hinges and dispersing cobwebs from brains that have been engaged principally in cultivating the penultimate crop during the last five months.

So far as the colleges are concerned, chief interest at present centers in the indoor practice preliminary to the actual opening of the coming season's programme of sports.

### First Place For Baseball.

Baseball practice holds, of course, chief place, but the boating enthusiasts are just as hard at work developing the best material for the crews, and the average college "gym" is just now a busy place.

The manner in which indoor training for field sports has been developed within the last few years would sur-

prize those lovers of baseball and rowing who years ago spent many anxious weeks waiting each season for the snow to disappear and the ice to leave the rivers before they went out for practice. Now it makes not the least difference what the weather is, practice goes on just the same. Outside the gymnasium window the snow may be several feet deep; inside, young men, clad in lightest summer field togs, are pitching and catching, batting "hot liners" and sliding for bases as eagerly as if actually afield.

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rial in this array. Pitcher Putnam is a left hander now practicing with the Highlanders at Montgomery, Ala. He is paying special attention to the "split ball" and is believed to be the only left hander having this style under control.

**The Boston Triumvirate.**  
There comes an end to all things mundane. The Boston National club's famous triumvirate, Messrs. Soden, Conant and Billings, has at last been broken by the retirement of Mr. Billings from active connection with baseball after thirty years of uninterrupted history making. So runs the world away! Mr. Billings was always a strong factor in the Boston club's affairs. He also did much for baseball in an unobtrusive way and now retires from the game with the respect and good wishes of his colleagues in particular and baseball lovers in general. He has well earned a rest from the strenuous game, and we trust he will enjoy to the utmost the remainder of his span of life in his honorable retirement.

### Scoring Calls For Good Judgment.

Scoring is not an exact science, and men of good judgment who are free from prejudice will differ on plays, but it is folly to give a player an error on an extremely difficult ball because he sometimes stops them. Scorers must not expect a man to be equal to his best performances every time. Too harsh scoring is a bad thing for baseball, and the rule makers realized this when they made leniency in scoring errors mandatory upon scorers. And this has had good effect. For instance, the rule which was made absolving catchers from errors on bad throws to second unless the base runner made an extra base has improved the throwing to bases fivefold.

### Lajoie Versus Anson.

Manager Lajoie says Anson is away off when he classes the "split ball" and the ordinary rain soaked ball as the same thing. Furthermore, Lajoie does not believe that Anson ever battled

## BISBEE TO CROSS BATS At DON LUIS

**Bisbee Boys in Readiness for the Big Game To-day--List of Players and Their Positions.**

This afternoon will witness the dedication of the Athletic Park at Don Luis, with a match game of ball between Douglas and Bisbee.

The contest promises to be one of the most interesting in recent years in this city.

The Park at Don Luis has just been completed and affords one of the best equipped amphitheatres and ball grounds to be found in Arizona. Every detail has received careful attention, and the lover of this class of athletic sport are to be congratulated on the opportunity now afforded them to witness some of the best matched games of baseball to be seen in the Southwest.

The courtesy extended by the E. P. & S. W. R. Co., in furnishing a special train with ample accommodation for everyone, for the small sum of 25 cents for the round trip, is certainly to be appreciated, and all who feel inclined to witness this popular sport have the satisfaction of knowing that every convenience and comfort will be afforded them. The line up of the Bisbee team is as follows:

Catchers, Whitehead and Malcolm; Pitcher, Knight; 1b, Baker; 2b, Nichols and Iler; 3b, Bucklev; Short stop, Shirk and McNair; rf, Flanagan and Wilson; lf, Oulivier; cf, Ryan.

Line up of Douglas team.  
Catchers, Quilling; Pitcher, Martinez; 1b, Barrett; 2b, Hapches; 3b, Newberry; Short stop, Worthington; lf, Alarrew; cf, Wilson; rf, Alnes.

The Bisbee boys are in the pink of condition to put up a red hot game; they have been practicing several afternoons during the week and feel that they are quite ready for the fray.

The personnel of the Douglas team is sufficient to warrant that they are not without preparation, and together with their past record should convince anyone that the contest this afternoon will be interesting in the extreme.

Both teams are buoyant and eager for the contest. Let all lovers of this sport take advantage of the occasion to witness the opening of the beautiful athletic park at Don Luis and see the game of the season. The train leaves the depot for Don Luis promptly at 1:30 p. m.

### UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR.

Was Interested Visitor of Bisbee Public Schools.

A guest of Superintendent Philbrook visiting the schools in Bisbee Friday was Prof. E. M. Blake, of the University of Arizona. Prof. Blake is the member of the faculty of the University of Arizona this year assigned the duty of visiting the different schools of the Territory in the interests of that institution, a thorough canvass of the territory being thus made each year by different members of the faculty.

Prof. Blake is professor of mathematics physics and mines at Tucson. He is a graduate of the School of Mines in New York City. For four years before accepting the chair at the university he was professor of mathematics at Berkeley, where he was considered one of the ablest men on the faculty.

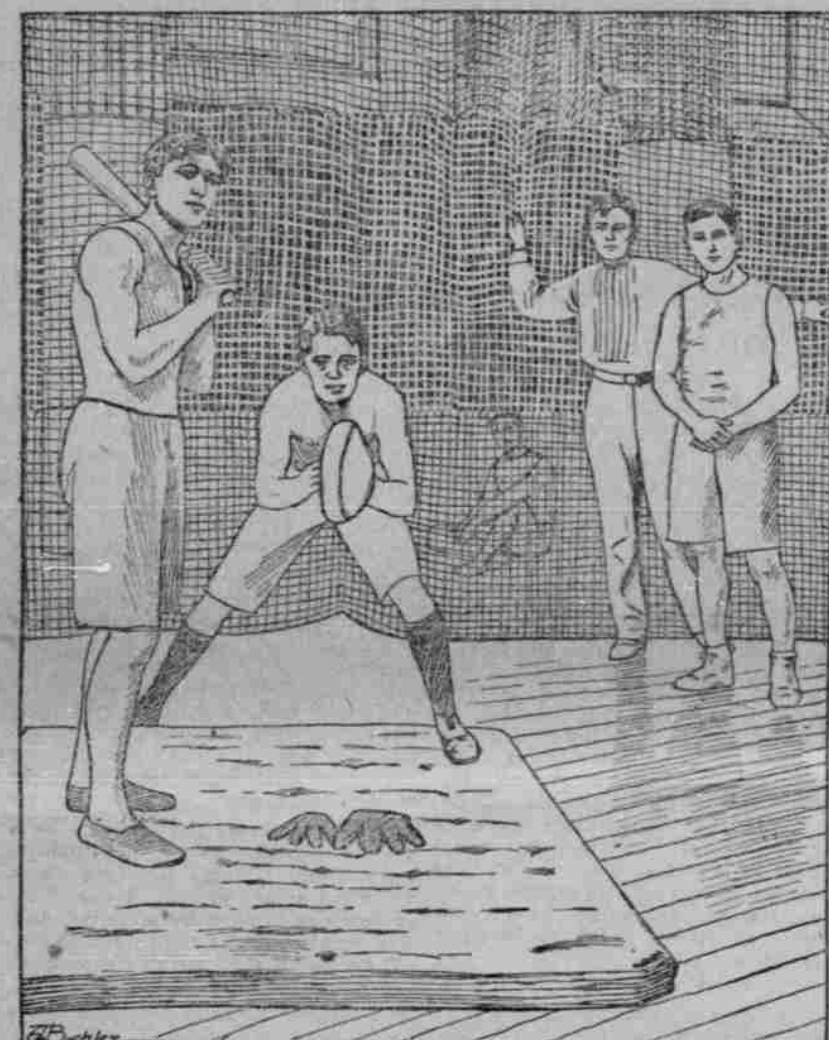
The University is spoken of by Prof. Blake as very prosperous. Recently the Territorial Legislature appropriated \$20,000 for the use of the University. Part of this amount will be spent in a mechanical laboratory and boiler house. A pump and gasoline engine will also be purchased, and a half mile of pipe will be laid for better fire protection. The girls' dormitory will be refurbished, a new laboratory equipped and other improvements made.

Among the most important features of the institution may be mentioned a complete equipment for manual training and for machine shop work—the gift of the Copper Queen company. Also a new and modern museum completed last fall at a cost of \$27,000. Not least is the 5-stamp mill and thorough facilities for experimental mill over-testing.

The University, realizing the importance and vast scope of mines and mining throughout the Territory, has made special preparation for the thorough training of the students in every branch of study—both in theory and practice—relating to this subject. This in addition to a complete curriculum in every branch of study usually carried by the better class of smaller colleges and universities.

Approximately two hundred students are now enrolled at the University, coming both from Arizona points and from many other states and territories of the Union, the attendance having increased very much during the last four years.

It is the desire of the management of the institution to keep in touch with the schools all over the territory, and to this end the faculty at Tucson invite correspondence from prospective students and from teachers and others interested in the growth of the university.



INDOOR BASEBALL PRACTICE AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

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against the "split ball," which is a new 1004 wrinkle and quite as effective as it has been painted. Lajoie admits that this delivery bothered him. Nevertheless the champion batsman does not favor reviving the old "shoulder and hip" rule merely to kill this special delivery, which the batsmen will soon solve. Sound sense is that. We take off our hat to M. Lajoie.

### Baseball in Canada.

It is a fact that baseball in its conquering march is subjugating the Canadian national game, lacrosse. This is proved by the fact that in the provinces of Quebec and Toronto there are hundreds of amateur baseball clubs and semiprofessional leagues, while the lacrosse clubs have dwindled to infinitesimal numbers. But the very best indication of solid baseball growth is the fact that instead of hundreds of boys with the netted stick, as of old, nowadays only youngsters with bat and ball are to be seen.

### Anson's Latest Growl.

The retired veteran player, Anson, says there are no great batsmen these days and that hitting is a forgotten art. Lajoie, Billy Keeler, Frank Chance, Mike Donlin, Cy Seymour, Hans Wagner, Clarence Beaumont, Fred Clarke, Jake Beckley and a few others that might be mentioned are pretty good stickers these days, and they carry a bigger handicap than ever was taken on by Anson, Brothers, Connor and the others who were sluggers in their day.

### Turner Is Formidable.

Rube Turner, the colored lightweight, is still in Philadelphia, unable to get a match with one of the presumed higher boys in his class. He will do 130 pounds for any of them and might stretch a point and do 128 as an inducement. There is a whole raft of boxers in Philie who announce their willingness to go at 130 pounds at 6 o'clock or 8 o'clock, and yet when the name of Turner is mentioned they retreat.

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